THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURSE DEVEOLPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of strengthening of Teacher Education, the following District Institutes of Education, the following District Institutes of Education & Training (DIETs) have been established in Delhi for imparting training to Elemenatary Teachers.

1. DIET, Rajinder Nagar
2. DIET, Keshavpuram
3. DIET, Moti Bagh
4. DIET, Shahdara
5. DIET, Daryaganj

Eligibility for admission to pre-service training course in DIETs is 10+2 or its equivalent examination with 50% marks. Candidates should not be less than 17 years and more than 30 years of age as on 30.9.1996 of that year.

The candidates belonging to Reserved Categories get 5% relaxation in marks and five years relaxation in age (in upper limit only)

Admissions are made in July every year on the basis of an entrance test.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The guidelines regarding Design of Entrance Test Question papers are provided in the prospectus.

Implementation of SUBAC in Gujarat

3016. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a centrally sponsored scheme called the Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Base Cropping System Areas (SUBAC) is being implemented by Government in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any substantial improvement in the production and productivity of sugarcane has been noticed in the State after the introduction of SUBAC;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps Government propose to take to increase the sugarcane production in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) is being implemented in 21 States/UTs including Gujarat on funding pattern of 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Government. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for the transfer of technology through field demonstrations and training of farmers. Besides, incentives are given for seed production, supply of farm implements/drip irrigation system, establishment of tissue culture laboratories, heat-treatment plants etc.

(c) and (d) The Scheme was launched in 1995-96 and it is too early to evaluate the impact on production and productivity of the crop.

(e) Besides above, research in sugarcane is being undertaken for improving technology inlcuding varieties.

Environment Clearance for Rathong Chu Power Project

3017. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had accorded formal environmental clearance of the 30 M.W. Rathong Chu Power Project in West Sikkim in September, 1995 on the basis of report submitted by the State Government that a total of 110 trees of below 4 in 15 hec. Reserve Forest Land required for the project and about 200 Fodder trees and 300 bamboos in the private land 25 hec. acquired will only be cut; and

(b) if this be so, whether the State Government submitted false statement to